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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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For: PROGRAMMABLE ADAPTER DEVICE FOR COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application,
please enter the following specification changes as noted below:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 19 as follows:

19. (Amended) Configuration process used in an adapter
device according to claim 1 , the process comprising :

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- a recognition step (R) in which the adapter (20)
determines and memorizes a partial identifier (18a) or a complete
identifier (18b) of a lower level protocol starting from means
of recognising the lower level connecting cable (14) connected
to the adapter (20) ,